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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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For: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR FACILITATING THE FILLING OF VERTICAL TUBES  
WITH THE AID OF A PARTICULATE MATERIAL

**RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C.  
371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)**

**ATTN: BOX PCT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the "Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. 371 in the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US)," mailed August 31, 2001, for the above application, Applicant respectfully submits herewith the Declaration for the above identified application properly executed by the inventors. Also enclosed please find an executed Assignment and PTO form 1595, Petition for Extension of Time for two (2) months.

A check for the statutory fee of \$130.00 is attached. Please also charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. A duplicate copy of this paper is attached.

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